

Avista Corp.
1411 East Mission P.O. Box 3727
Spokane, Washington 99220-0500
Telephone 509-489-0500
Toll Free 800-727-9170



RECEIVED

2014 MAY 30 PM 12: 20

IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

May 29, 2014

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington St.
Boise, ID 83702-5983

AVU-E-14-05

AVU-G-14-01

Attention: Ms. Jean Jewell, Commission Secretary

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Avista Corporation to Initiate Discussions with Interested Parties on an Extension of the Existing Rate Plan.

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and seven (7) copies of the Application of Avista Corporation to Initiate Discussions with Interested Parties on an Extension of the Existing Rate Plan.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Patrick Ehrbar at (509) 495-8620.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Meyer", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David J. Meyer
Vice President and Chief Counsel for Regulatory
and Governmental Affairs

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served Avista Corporation's Application to Initiate Discussions with Interested Parties on an Extension of the Existing Rate Plan by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid, and sending via email, to the following:

Jean D Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Statehouse
Boise, ID 83720-5983
Jean.jewell@puc.idaho.gov

Brad M. Purdy
Attorney at Law
2019 N 17th Street
Boise, ID 83720
bmpurdy@hotmail.com

Donald Howell
Deputy Attorneys General
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington
Boise, ID 83702-0659
donald.howell@puc.idaho.gov

Peter J. Richardson
Greg M. Adams
Richardson & O'Leary PLLC
515 N. 27th Street
PO Box 7218
Boise, ID 83702
peter@richardsonandoleary.com
greg@richardsonandoleary.com

Marv Lewallen
Clearwater Paper
601 W. Riverside Avenue
Suite 1100
Spokane, WA 99201
marv.lewallen@clearwaterpaper.com

Dean J. Miller
McDevitt & Miller, LLP
420 W. Bannock St.
PO Box 2564-83701
Boise, ID 83701-2564
joe@mcdevitt-miller.com

Scott Atkison
Idaho Forest Products
171 Highway 95 N.
Grangeville, ID 83530
scotta@idahoforestgroup.com

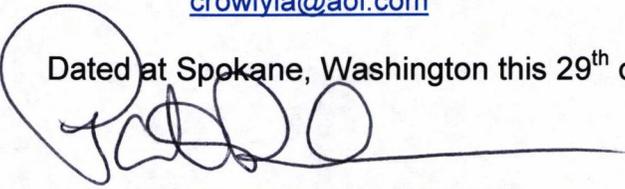
Benjamin J. Otto
Idaho Conservation League
710 N. 6th St.
Boise, ID 83702
botto@idahoconservation.org

Ken Miller
Snake River Alliance
P. O. Box 1731
Boise, ID 83702
kmiller@snakeriveralliance.org

Christine Zamora
Community Action Partnership
Association of Idaho
5400 W. Franklin, Suite G
Boise, ID 83705
czamora@capai.org

Larry A Crowley
The Energy Strategies Institute Inc
5549 S. Cliffsedge Ave
Boise, ID 83716
crowlyla@aol.com

Dated at Spokane, Washington this 29th day of May 2014.



Patrick Ehrbar
Manager, Rates & Tariffs

David J. Meyer, Esq.
Vice President and Chief Counsel for
Regulatory and Governmental Affairs
Avista Corporation
1411 E. Mission Avenue
P.O. Box 3727
Spokane, Washington 99220
Phone: (509) 495-4316

RECEIVED
2014 MAY 30 PM 12: 20
IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE No. AVU-E-14- <u>05</u>
OF AVISTA CORPORATION TO INITIATE)	CASE No. AVU-G-14- <u>01</u>
DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERESTED)	
PARTIES ON AN EXTENSION OF THE)	APPLICATION OF AVISTA
EXISTING RATE PLAN.)	CORPORATION

Avista Corporation ("Avista" or "Company") hereby files an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "IPUC") respectfully requesting that the Commission notice this Application and an Intervention deadline to identify interested parties that would like to participate with the Company in settlement discussions to extend the existing rate plan. In support of this Application, Avista states as follows:

1. Avista is a corporation created and organized under the laws of the State of Washington with its principal office in Spokane, Washington. Avista is an investor-owned utility principally engaged in the business of providing electric and natural gas service in the states of Idaho and Washington, as well as natural gas service in the state of Oregon.

2. Communications in reference to this Application should be addressed to:

David J. Meyer, Esq.
Vice President and Chief Counsel for
Regulatory & Governmental Affairs
Avista Corp.
P. O. Box 3727
1411 E. Mission Avenue, MSC 27
Spokane, Washington 99220-3727
Telephone: (509) 495-4316
Facsimile: (509) 495-8851
E-mail: david.meyer@avistacorp.com

Kelly Norwood
Vice President
State and Federal Regulation
Avista Corp.
P. O. Box 3727
1411 E. Mission Avenue, MSC 27
Spokane, Washington 99220-3727
Telephone: (509) 495-4267
Facsimile: (509) 495-8851
E-mail: kelly.norwood@avistacorp.com

3. On March 24, 2014, in compliance with the minimum sixty day notice requirement of Rule 122 of the IPUC Rules of Procedure “Notice of Intent to File a General Rate Case,” Avista Corporation provided notice to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission that the Company intends to file a combined electric and natural gas general rate case on or after June 2, 2014.

4. In Case Nos. AVU-E-12-08 and AVU-G-12-07, the Commission approved a settlement that provided for a rate plan that set base rates for a period extending through January 1, 2015.

5. Between May 22, 2014 and May 27, 2014, Avista had informal discussions, individually, with Commission Staff, Clearwater Paper Corporation, Idaho Forest Group, Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI), Idaho Conservation League, and the Snake River Alliance, representing all intervenors and interested parties in the Company’s last general rate case (Case No. AVU-E-12-08 and AVU-G-12-07).

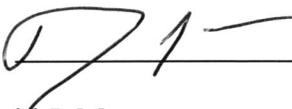
6. As a part of those informal discussions, Avista explained a potential proposal to extend the existing rate plan approved by the Commission in the Company’s last general rate case and avoid the need for Avista to immediately file a general rate case, that would otherwise take effect at the expiration of the existing rate plan on January 1, 2015. All of the

parties contacted by Avista expressed a willingness to meet on June 25, 2014, for the purpose of exploring an extension of the existing rate plan.

WHEREFORE, Avista respectfully requests that the Commission open and notice a docket and set an intervention deadline that would formally notify interested parties of Avista's intent to engage in settlement discussions, pursuant to IPUC Rule 273, with the desire to reach agreement on terms that would allow the Company to avoid filing a general rate case in 2014 and extend the existing rate plan for an additional period of time.

DATED this 29th day of May 2014.

Avista Corporation

Signature:  _____

Name: David J. Meyer

Date: May 29th, 2014

Attorney for Avista Corporation